

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

1. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Deborah Cadena on 6/3/2010.

The application has been amended as follows:

In claim 1, the phrase "A compound 12 to 50 nucleobases in length targeted" has been changed to:

"A modified oligonucleotide compound that is 12 to 50 nucleobases in length and targeted"

Claim 4 has been cancelled.

In claim 60, the phrase "A compound 20 nucleobases in length targeted" has been changed to:

"A modified oligonucleotide compound that is 20 nucleobases in length and targeted"

In claim 69, the phrase “A compound 12 to 50 nucleobases in length targeted” has been changed to:

“A modified oligonucleotide compound that is 20 to 50 nucleobases in length and targeted”

In claim 70, the phrase “said compound is 15 to 30 nucleobases in length” has been changed to:

“said compound that is 20 to 30 nucleobases in length”

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to J. E. ANGELL whose telephone number is 571-272-0756. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Thursday 7:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Fereydoun Sajjadi can be reached on 571-272-3311. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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